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Election/Restrictions

Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C. 121:

 Claims 1-34, drawn to interactive gaming system, classified in class 463, subclass 42.

Claims 35-41, drawn to data structure, classified in class 707, subclass
 500.

Inventions I and II are related as subcombinations disclosed as usable together in a

single combination. The subcombinations are distinct from each other if they are shown

to be separately usable. In the instant case, invention II has separate utility such as

gathering elements of electronic information to form a unified collection. See MPEP §

806.05(d).

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art because of their recognized divergent subject matter, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and the search required for Group I is not required for Group II, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Yveste G. Cherubin whose telephone number is (703)

306-3027. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30 - 6:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's

supervisor, Valencia Martin-Wallace can be reached on (703) 308-4119. The fax phone

numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)

872-9302 for regular communications and (703) 872-9303 for After Final

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